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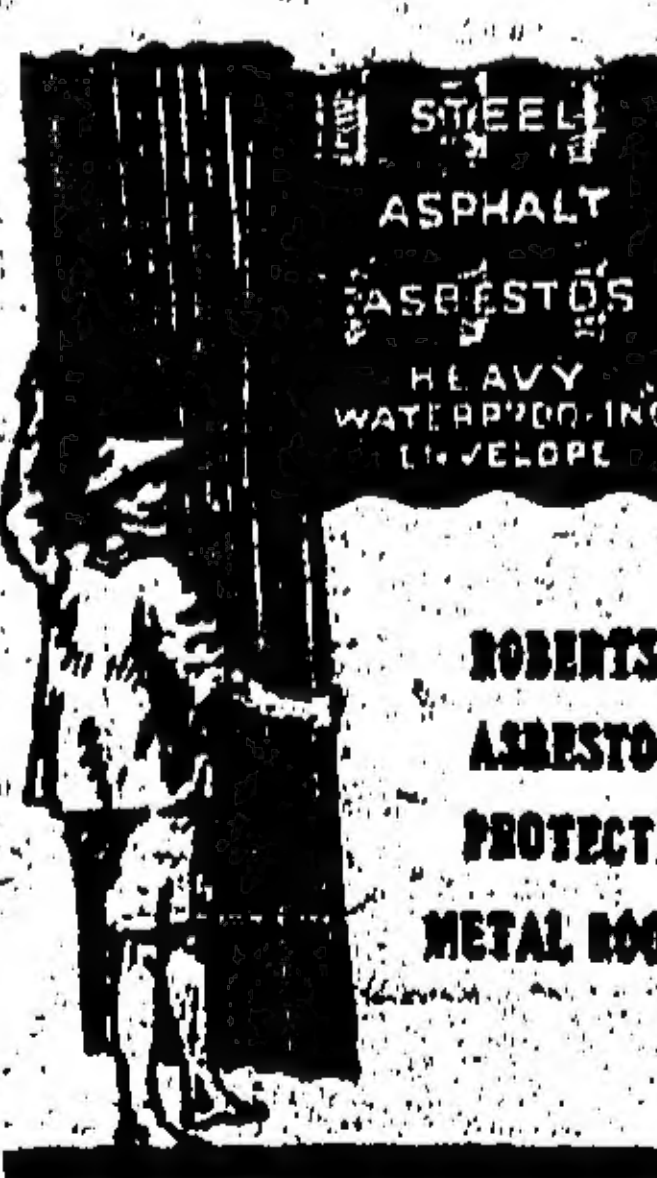
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TIME RIPE?

SIGNS OF DESIRE TO END STRIKE.

MOVES BEHIND THE SCENES.

Although they are no more than straws in the wind, there are several indications that an all-round feeling exists in favour of ending the strike and boycott.

Friday is now stated to have been definitely fixed as the day of departure from Canton of a peace delegation to Hongkong. Over twenty merchants will be included, it is reported.

Yesterday the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce held a committee meeting which discussed the details of a reception for the Canton traders.

Meanwhile representatives of Canton's four leading commercial associations—all designated as "chambers"—have interviewed Mr. Wong Ching-wai, one of the principals of the Kuomintang Commission of Government—and he is said to have lent a favourable ear. There is, however, a qualification. Mr. Wong is quoted as having approved a mission to Hongkong, more for the purpose of ascertaining what can be done, than declaring an end to the present conditions.

Yesterday afternoon the Steamboat Co.'s s.s. "Honam" came down with about 400 native passengers—a record number—who state that they made their way to the ship, when in Canton harbour, unmolested by pickets.

Another sign of the times is a report from Canton that the present mercantile movement was engendered by the Hongkong Association of District Commercial Guilds, also that the sponsors of the Canton peace delegation, have put out feelers to the Strike Executive. The strike leaders, on the other hand, seem to be divided. One section is adamant and strongly disfavours any mission to Hongkong. Another party is reported to have declared itself as willing to abide by what the "majority of the people" say. In other words they will be guided by the Canton Government but they will not turn an entirely deaf ear to the merchants and middle class.

PRINCE GEORGE

ATTENDS PRIVATE CHINESE BANQUET.

LAST NIGHT'S FUNCTIONS.

H.R.H. Prince George, Sir Matthew Nathan, (former Governor of Hongkong), Vice-Admiral Sir Edwyn Alexander Sinclair (Commander-in-Chief, China Station) were guests at a private Chinese banquet at the Chinese Merchants' Club, China Building, last night.

The Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son and the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall were the principal hosts.

A number of officers from the Army, Navy and Civil Service were also present.

After the banquet the party proceeded to the Lee Gardens where a special building was set apart for a presentation by Miss Pk Wen-ha, the Northern Chinese "star" who is now performing in the Colony.

BLIND HOME.

TO-DAY'S SALE OF WORK.

A sale of work in aid of the Industrial Institution for the Blind, Kowloon, opened at the Y.W.C.A. rooms, Caine Road, this morning and will be continued till 5 p.m.

Useful and skillfully made articles of knitted woollens, embroidered and other goods adorned the tables, and the blind girls made a striking appeal for sympathy by singing at intervals.

London, November 17.—The decision of the Admiralty to reduce the second cruiser squadron attached to the Atlantic fleet by the withdrawal of a cruiser has been carried out by the transfer of the H.M.S. "Calliope" to the Mediterranean fleet.

The light cruiser H.M.S. "Farnmouth" to command a new fleet to Hongkong, of the H.M.S. "Hawking" which will be transferred to a similar post to oversee the training of the Chinese sailors in the China Station.

AFTER 28 YEARS.

MR. GOMPERTZ LEAVES HONGKONG.

OFF TO HIS NEW POST.

After 28 years' service in Hongkong, during seventeen of which he has been Puisne Judge, and also acted as Chief Justice, Mr. Justice H. H. J. Gompertz left Queen's pier this morning by the "Victoria," accompanied by Mrs. Gompertz and a few friends, to convey Mr. Gompertz to the Federated Malay States over which he is to exercise the power of Chief Justice.

Among those who said goodbye to them from the pier were Sir Henry Gompertz, Mr. Justice G. R. Wood and Mrs. Wood, Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, the Hon. Mr. E. H. Holyoak, Mrs. and Miss Holyoak, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy and Mrs. Creasy, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, the Hon. Mr. D. W. Trotman, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, the Right Rev. C. E. Duppuy, Bishop of Victoria, and Mrs. Duppuy, Mr. C. Dick Melbourn, Mr. E. A. Nisbet, Mr. A. E. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. H. Beavis, Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., Mr. F. C. Jenkin, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. W. J. Carrie, Mr. H. K. Holmes, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. J. H. Sanders, Mr. Leo d'Almada, Mr. A. W. Hill, and staff of the Supreme Court.

DANGEROUS.

RIFLE AND DYNAMITE SEIZURE.

JUNK MASTER FINED.

The master of a fishing junk was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning on two charges of unlawful possession of an old rifle and a quantity of dynamite and dynamite. Evidence of seizure was given by Sergeant Carey.

Pleading guilty to the charge of possession of the explosives, Mr. C. A. S. Russ submitted that the junk occasionally visited the outskirts of British waters, but that the fishing was done in Chinese waters where there was no law against the use of dynamite.

A plea of not guilty was tendered on the charge of possession of the rifle. Mr. Russ explained that the weapon was kept on board as an assurance of security against possible molestation from strike pickets. The junk, he said, had at one time been used for the transport of vegetables to Hongkong from an outlying district, and the owner had in fact held a permit to carry firearms while engaged on this mission.

His Worship convicted on both charges, imposing a fine of \$150 for carrying explosives, which he considered the more serious of the two, and \$50 on the other charge.

Bangkok has been declared an infected port on account of cholera.

THREE STRIPES.

SHANTUNG LANCE SERGEANT'S LAPSE.

GOOD RECORD REMINDED.

In all probability it will take three years for a Shantung policeman to regain three stripes which he is in danger of losing, in addition to half a month's pay.

This morning the officer was prosecuted before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy for absence from duty at the waterworks station (Kowloon) from 11 a.m. last Saturday till 7.40 on Sunday.

Asked to plead, defendant replied that he had been to Yau-mat to procure some clothing. The sailor informed him that the job was not complete and he accordingly stayed the night.

Mr. J. Kerr A.S.P., said he took a serious view of the case as defendant was in charge. However, he had a very good record; his three years' service was done and he was recently promoted acting lance-sergeant.

In reply to the Bench, Mr. Kerr added that defendant would be likely to lose his rank and that it would be about three years before he again won promotion.

In the circumstances related, His Worship imposed a fine of \$12 equivalent to half a month's pay.

ARMY V. NAVY.

TO-DAY'S CRICKET MATCH.

WIN FOR NAVY.

A representative Navy team met the East Surrey Regiment in a friendly game of cricket at the Hongkong Cricket Club ground this morning.

The scores were:

East Surrey Regiment.

Capt. Kent, lb.w., b. Cantrell, 5

Capt. Armstrong, st. Franks, b. Woodward, 27

Sgt. M.S. Stripp, c. Stephenson, b. Woodward, 12

Capt. Carpenter, c. and b. Woodward, 4

Capt. Rowe, c. Sillitoe, b. Woodward, 9

L/Cpl. Clarke, b. Cantrell, 11

Lieut. Chidson, c. Beatty, b. Cantrell, 6

L/Cpl. Fetter, b. Woodward, 4

Sgt. Woodbridge, c. Woodward, 7

Pte. Moore, c. Hussey, b. Woodward, 12

Pte. Burgess, not out, 8

Extras, 2

Total, 107

Bowling averages: Lieut.-Col. Cantrell 4 for 49; Lieut. Beatty 1 for 16; Pay-Comm. Woodward 6 for 40.

The Navy passed this score with the loss of five wickets; Midshipman Stephenson batting very well and eventually being given out lb.w. just after the winning hit. The score at 2 o'clock was:

The Navy.

Lieut. Nicholson, c. Burgess, b. Rowe, 7

Pay-Lieut. Hussey, b. Rowe, 34

Mid. Stephenson, lb.w., b. Burgess, 47

Lieut. Wauchoppe, b. Burgess, 9

Lieut.-Comm. Franks, c. Kent, b. Burgess, 6

Pay-Comm. Woodward, Capt. Lake, Lieut.-Col. Cantrell, Lieut. Sillitoe, Pay-Comm. Coomber and Lieut. Beatty to bat.

DESERTION CHARGE.

NORTHERN CONSTABLE JAILED.

"A FAIR RECORD."

A Wei-hai-wei constable was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning with desertion.

According to a record produced by Mr. W. R. Scott, 2nd Assistant Superintendent of Police, the man was sworn in July, 1921, to serve for three years, but deserted in July of this year. He was arrested in Yau-mat a few days ago. Defendant's conduct during his short period of service was stated to be fair.

Sentence of four weeks' hard labour was imposed.

HARBOUR NOTICES.

BANGKOK AN INFECTED PORT.

Bangkok has been declared an infected port on account of cholera.

The Naval Armament Depot notices that a quantity of unserviceable cordite will be burned at Stonecutters' rifle range tomorrow morning.

SUDDEN CHANGE.

THE LATEST FROM THE NORTH.

MURDER FORCES RETIRE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking Nov. 17.

Chang Tso-lin has informed foreigners that the Mukden and Fengtien forces are being withdrawn from Shantung and part from Chihli. None will be stationed south of Luta.

From Tientsin it is learned that there has been a sudden change in the situation. Troop trains instead of going southward are all going northward. There is also an exodus of officials.

Li Ching-shih's troops are evacuating the Peking line.

NEW COMET.

(Reuter's Service.)

Williamburg, Nov. 17.

Yerkes Observatory has announced the discovery of a new comet in the constellation of the Auriga.

It is a magnificent object, 10 to 15 magnitudes visible through a small telescope.

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HONGKONG MAN'S PROMOTION.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

Authorized Capital\$50,000,000
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CURRENT RATES.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 7th January 1925.

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A. LECOT,
Manager.
Hongkong, March 20, 1924.

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M. J. HERSCHLEB,
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tion.

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ness transacted.
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S. YAMAMOTO,
Manager.
Hongkong, 11th November 1925.

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HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

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Authorized Capital\$10,000,000
Paid-up Capital\$5,000,000
Reserve Fund\$1,000,000

DIRECTORS:
Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son—Chairman.
Fung Ping Shan, Mok Ching Kong,
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P. K. Kwok, Hui Yung Tai,
Ng Ching Luk, Kan Yung Tsai,
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KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1925.

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Co.

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A. ROLLIN,
Manager.
Hongkong, 2nd August, 1925.

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HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

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Reserve Fund£4,000,000
Reserve Liability of Pro-
prietors£23,000,000

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Banking business transacted.
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FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year
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A. H. FERGUSON,
Manager.
Hongkong, 15th April, 1923.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD.

(Taiwan Ginko.)

Incorporated by Special Imperial
Charter, 1899.

Capital SubscribedYen 50,000,000
Capital (Paid-up)Yen 52,500,000
Reserve FundYen 12,580,000

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Osaka.
FORMOSA.—Gilan, Kagi, Karemko,
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Shichien, Tainan, Tamsui, Taku,
Tamsui, Taku, Taku.

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Fuzhou, Swatow, Canton.
OTHERS.—Bangkok, Hongkong, Singa-
pore, Sourabaya, Samarang,
Batavia, Bencolay, London, New
York, Calcutta.

LONDON BANKERS:
London County Westminster and
Parry's Bank.

The Bank has Correspondence in the Commercial
Districts of all European Countries, America,
China, Japan, India, China, Japan, India,
Philippines, Java, and Dutch India, Australia,
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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and
Fixed Deposits at rates which will be quoted on applica-
tion.

Z. YAMAMOTO,
Manager.
HONGKONG BRANCH:
8, Des Vaux Road Central,
Hongkong, 5th June, 1924.

THE BANK OF CHINA.

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(Specially Authorized by Presidential
Mandate of the Republic of China
on the 2nd of November, 1917).

Authorized Capital\$25,000,000.00
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Every description of Banking Busi-
ness transacted.
Special facilities for Home Bankers.
S. YAMAMOTO,
Manager.
Hongkong, 11th November 1925.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

SPORTS NEEDS.

Philippine Timber Useful.

Experiments being undertaken by
the Bureau of Forestry with a view
to local manufacture of golf shafts,
polo mallet heads and fishing rods
show that there are woods in the
Philippine Islands suitable as sub-
stitutes for imported materials,
according to Director Fischer of the
bureau. He says Lumbayanbata
has been used for polo clubs and is
said to be fairly satisfactory, and
Palomaria is a promising wood for
polo clubs.

Palomaria possesses similar char-
acteristics to hard maple, and has
the advantage of being enough and
crossed-grained, explains Mr.
Fischer. It is easy to obtain, and
if found satisfactory, a large amount
of wood which now goes to waste,
can be utilized. Palomaria also is
suitable for the manufacture of
hubs of carromatas, carbelles and
caneiras, he says, and is much used
for this purpose due to its cross-
grained properties combined with
great toughness making it very hard
to split. The other woods tested
for polo mallet heads were dungon,
sumpok, mullang, guijo and
bansalagin, which were found not
suitable on account of their exces-
sive weight.

The Bureau of Forestry has turned
out about a dozen golf shafts and
distributed them to golf enthusiasts
of the city for trial. Woods in-
cluding mullang, guijo, arang,
and yakul, except palma-brava,
prove unsatisfactory.

Fishing poles of palma-brava also
are said to be excellent and several
thousand strips of this wood have
been sent abroad to be manufactured
into fishing rods.

SHANGHAI TRADE.

Messrs. Ilbert & Co. in their
Place Goods Market Report
dated Shanghai, November 6,
say:

An important battle is reported
to have taken place at Tsing-
kiangpu, and each side claims to
have won an overwhelming vic-
tory over the other. Whatever
the truth of the matter may be,
the fact remains that the trade of
the country is once again suffering
badly through dealers' reports that
certain areas outside the war
zone would probably be operating
on a fair scale if it were not for
the activities of the students and
agitators who are still interfering
largely with the movement of
"enemy" cargo through the
system of passes and permits
which they have imposed upon the
merchants. Clearances are ex-
tremely poor.

The market is further feeling
the effects of the sharp fall in
cotton and in manufacturer's
prices which has taken place re-
cently, and which makes the
prices of goods purchased during
recent months look very dear.
White Shirtings, for instance,
have declined about two shillings
per piece since August when fair
quantities were booked, while a
simultaneous sharp fall in silver
seems to add to the troubles of the
merchants. It seems, however,
that cotton has touched bottom,
as the price has recovered 182
points during the past few days.

Messrs. Noel, Murray & Co., in
their Report, say:

This market is practically stag-
nant at the present moment, nor
can any improvement be expected
with any degree of confidence
while the country is plunged in
civil war. Reports from the so-
called centres of war are exceed-
ingly conflicting and it is quite
impossible to know what actually
is taking place. The political
situation is wrapped in obscurity,
and it is not surprising that mer-
chants refrain from operating
while conditions remain so hope-
lessly unsettled. Local values
have dropped and clearances are
few and far between. New-
chwang Exchange is quoted at
2,890.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LTD.

14, Greenway Road, London, E. C. 3.

Authorized Capital£5,000,000
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UNITED STATES.

Signs of Good Business.

Signs of a rising tide of business
multiplying and the Autumn
promises to add a large quota to
the year's record of great national
prosperity, says "Barclay's Bank
Review" for October. Trade opini-
on has taken on added confidence,
as harvest time approaches, with
evidence of generally well-maintained
agricultural prices and con-
sequently large purchasing power.
From the consumers' point of view,
however, a prosperity based upon the
realization of lessened farm yields
seems less attractive than abun-
dantly obtainable more cheaply.
Some special lines undoubtedly
will feel a quickening activity, due
to this second year of profitable
returns to the American farmer.
Already the effects are clear in the
sales of farm machinery which, for
the first seven months of this year,
exceeded the same period last year
by 33 per cent. The automobile
industry also hopes for a large con-
tinuing demand in rural districts.
With the severe competition now
prevalent, both in new design as
well as in lower prices, there is a
possibility that the automobile
makers may prolong somewhat
longer their truly amazing record of
production and sales.

The broad extension of the in-
vestment method of payment, which
has made possible this huge volume
of distribution, is being introduced
almost feverishly into many other
lines of merchandise. It is diffi-
cult, if not impossible, to visualize
the great pyramid of credit which
has thus grown up through the in-
strumentality of various kinds of
financing companies. The expan-
sion of one billion dollars in the
loans and discounts of the 727 re-
porting member banks of the
Federal Reserve System may, there-
fore, not be a very close gauge of
the nation-wide growth in credit
volume since the beginning of
September last year. The phenom-
enal boom in Florida real estate
should not obscure the very con-
siderable speculative activity in
land in many other localities.
Immense sums of money are being
committed to such ventures. In
addition, nearly six thousand million
dollars will probably be spent in
1925 for new building construction.
These facts, coupled with the large
volume of new American loans
abroad, as well as the very active
stock market, call attention point-
edly to the comparatively low interest
rates that still prevail. There is no
immediate sign that they will have
more than a seasonal rise in the
near future. Wholesale commodity
prices, in the main, have shown no
aggressive tendencies, but recently,
in fact, a slight downward drift.

HENRY FORD.

"I see," says a Home writer that,
following the recent official state-
ment that the assets of the Ford
Motor Company of Detroit are
valued at \$644,624,488, Henry Ford
has been philosophizing and pro-
phesying at his residence at Seal
Harbour, Maine, America, he de-
clared, is in for 100 years of
prosperity; Times are good, but
will be even better. "Making
money isn't important. The im-
portant thing is to give service.
Then you can't help making
money." Too many heads of or-
ganizations in America try to
"screw" down wages and wring
dividends out of business. They
want to get a lot of money and
retire. "Men should not retire,"
says Mr. Ford. He hasn't retired.
The thing to do is to keep on work-
ing. Dividends should not be con-
sidered. Only the welfare of the
persons who work for him. "I
believe in good wages. I pay them.
It makes prosperity," he went on.
And, naturally, he believes that
every family is entitled to an
automobile. (For preference, no
doubt, a Ford). "It isn't extra-
vagance," he insisted, "a family
needs an automobile."

Advices from the Federation of
British Industries' correspondent in
Tokyo show that a committee of in-
vestigation consisting of Govern-
mental and business people has been
set up to study the question of re-
ducing the importation of machinery
as much as possible. The Com-
mittee has been named the Na-
tional Industries Investigation As-
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clude the following:—To investigate
the present conditions of the in-
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ELECTRICAL MACHINERY: THE REDUCTION
OF RECKLESS COMPETITION BETWEEN
MAKERS: AND AN INVESTIGATION OF THE
POSSIBILITIES FOR INCREASING IMPORTS.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1925.

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SANITARY BOARD DISCUSSION.

Dr. Koch's Views.

Anti-Malarial Measures.

WHAT LIFE IS LIKE

HONGKONG NEWS

Offers should reach the undersigned on or before the 31st day of December, 1925. Acceptance of the offers by the undersigned will be subject to confirmation by the Sitting Judge in Chambers, High Court, Bombay. On acceptance of an offer the purchaser will be liable to pay one-fourth of the purchase price. Further particulars can be obtained from the undersigned or from Messrs. Rustomjee and Devidas, Solicitors, 5, Bell Lane, Fort, Bombay.

N. H. MOOS.
Receiver in suit No. 3847 of 1923-24
High Court, Bombay.

Honkong, November 3, 1925.

NOW READY

THE CHINA YEAR BOOK 1925.

EDITED BY H. G. W. WOODHEAD

**Large And More Comprehensive
Than Ever**

The present (1925-3) issue of the CHINA-YEAR BOOK is again considerably larger than any of its predecessors. The Chapter on "Mines and Minerals," "Education," "Products," "Labour," "Opium," "Commerce," "Shipping," "Currency," etc. have been rewritten and brought up to date. The Report of the Shanghai Chinese Labour Commission is reprinted in full in the Chapter on "Labour." The Political Summary describes events up to the end of March 1925. The Chapter on "Defence" appears again and in the Book of New Chapters provide a Summary of "Political Events," "Political Parties," "Taxation," a "Bibliography for 1924," and a documented Chapter on "China's Relations and Mission in the Far East." THE CHINA-YEAR BOOK OF 1925-3 CONTAINS AN APPENDIX

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THE WATER SUPPLY.

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consumption of water in the Old
Rift District in millions and decimal
gallons during the month of October.

	1911.	1912.
Population	237,220	258,340
Estimated population	355,800	395,680
Consumption per acre	24.0	12.0

Intermittent Supply in all Rider Main Districts West of Eastern Street and Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts East of Eastern Street during October 1934.
Full supply in all Rider Main Districts during October 1935.

LOWMAN WATER WORKS LEVEL.

Location	Station
Logan Gravel Pit	St. on Abasco Mt. Univ. Bldg.
W. 112	overflow
Shel. Lal. Pit	Under construction
St. 112	St. on Abasco Mt. Univ. Bldg.

NOTES: THE LOWMAN ARE SYSTEMS OF GRAVEL.

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"I seldom drink," he answered.
"I never eat meat," and I never quarrel with my wife."
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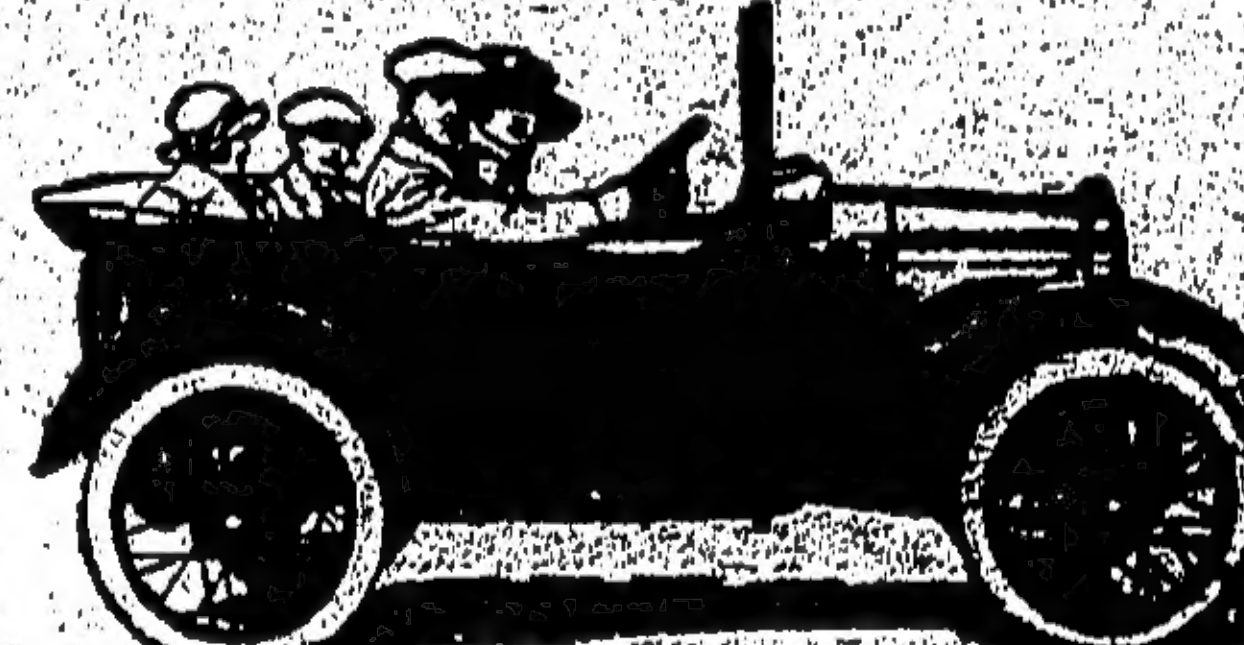
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COMPULSORY VOTING.

Australia has committed its political destinies to what may be considered safe hands. This is not so remarkable as the fact that in the elections just decided, the vote taken was a compulsory one. By law it is enacted that every voter must exercise his or her privilege. Such an enactment, at first sight, may seem peculiar. That it is a wise one cannot be denied. If troubles can be laid at the doors of politicians, it is as well to apportion the blame fairly, and to suggest that those who elect politicians must be held, in part, responsible. Australia's lead in this respect is likely to be widely followed. Unfortunately, for obvious reasons, it cannot be followed in Hongkong, and its significance cannot be pictured in local colours. But it is possible to imagine it in operation in Home politics. Those who have had experience of General Elections can speak with authority of the heart-breaking experiences of those vitally interested in such things; of the apathy of the electors; the bearing of the state of the weather on the state of the poll; and those agonising ones who think it a right to be brought to a polling booth in some form of coercion. Compulsory voting is a

nonsense. It will not instil into electors the act of thinking in its entirety, but it will go a long way towards that very desirable thing. It may prompt the electors to weigh a vote before recording it and to take intelligent thought and interest in the questions which vex the world. It seems to be the nearest approach to the ideal of the Referendum that, so far, has been adopted. Each party goes to the electorate with a manifesto of its aims and objects. The issue, so far as the recognised Parties are concerned, is quite clear, and adherents and waverers alike know what is before them, and to what, by recording a vote, they have committed themselves. Thus, in the election just concluded, Australia has decided on what may be termed constitutional government, government along safe and tried paths; government by evolution and not by revolution. Fortunate indeed must Australians consider themselves in having the issue so clearly defined—and defined, not so much by clarity of reasoning by men of the standard of Mr. S. M. Bruce, but by the clarity of the consequences of "Red" domination as shown in various ways; but in no clearer way than by the recent attempt to disorganise the shipping of the Commonwealth. It will be found that compulsory voting has justified itself. Conscientious objectors—and they figure as voters—may have a reasonable objection to such a law, but if a "spoiled" voting paper constitutes the stage of a vote, they have an easy way out of their predicament. In any case, Australia has shown a commendable example which should be followed without delay by the Home Country. Only in this way can there be shown the real feeling of the country, and encouragement be given to bold and fearless Government.

THE WRONG WAY

It is difficult to know which to regard as the more dangerous to those who have upon such a conflict summed up in the words "yellow peril" or the writers and

country, whether or not they have taken the trouble to verify the facts. The problem of the future relations of Western Europe and the continent of Asia being in the centre of world politics, it is natural that the contents of a new periodical which is avowedly to provide a meeting place for the minds of East and West should come in for keen and critical survey. Seeking, as it informs its readers, to cover the entire field of political, economic, and cultural relations between East and West from a constructional and forward-looking viewpoint and to interpret the Renaissance that is dawning over the East against the background of her age-long civilisation, it is inevitable that the "New Orient," a quarterly review still in its infancy, should raise issues over which there is bound by the nature of things to be considerable divergence of opinion. One is, however, led to expect something, to justify the claim that the journal is to be "the meeting place for the keenest, most sincere and sympathetic minds of East and West" and the current quarterly issue fails to convince in this respect. One looks in vain for even the bare merits of the case which the West has to offer regarding its relations with the East; and in its place one finds statements such as that of the editor, Mr. Syud Hossain, who when referring to incidents in India and other colonies and dependencies, speaks of "the motive of inordinate gain leading to the establishment of political control followed every now and again by methods of frightfulness in order that the population shall remain quiet and docile." Other contributors to the journal are well known in connection with the democratic movement. Whilst the undue stress they have laid on that aspect of Western development in the East which is concerned with the quest of things material may be due to a genuine fear lest the spirit of Asia, the creator of all the great religious and philosophic ideas, might be absorbed in gross materialism, it is difficult to grasp how the representation of Western methods as those of imperialistic economic development enforced against the will of the East and to its detriment, is likely to lead to the creation of the spirit of harmony such writers refer to as necessary for the ushering in of the millennium. Mr. Bertrand Russell, for instance, is to the fore with an article on the Canton and Shanghai shooting in which he expresses disbelief that the first shots at Canton came from the Chinese, and states that in both cases the shooting was the result of officials in charge losing their heads. Here again, quite apart from the merits of his case (it is difficult to see that there are any in view of overwhelming evidence to the contrary), one is led to wonder how the representation of Western men as profiting by the weaknesses of China to inflict intolerable humiliations is likely to lead to the creation of the "best possible relations between Britain and China" which Mr. Russell declared to be a necessity at the dinner of Chinese students in London. It may be that the time is opportune for the West to re-adjust its point of view and code of values in relation to the East but surely the world of beauty, humanity and mutual helpfulness which it is the object of the democratic movement to create can hardly be built on foundations of hate fostered by anti-foreign foreigners.

"FORD" CRASH.

SLIGHT PASSENGER INJURIES.

While in the vicinity of Castle Peak, travelling in the direction of Wu Long on Monday evening, a Ford car came in collision with a motor car returning from the territories and overturned as the result of the force of the impact. Considerable damage was done to the Ford but fortunately none of the occupants of either vehicle was seriously injured. The wife of Sub-inspector Murphy, of the Ping Shan Police Station, was among the passengers of the Ford as were also Sergeant and Mrs. Langley, of the Au Tan Police Station. Both ladies were only slightly hurt but were badly shaken up by being thrown out of the car.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" from Hongkong on Oct. 30 arrived at Vancouver on Nov. 18. The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" arrived at Hongkong on Nov. 18.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

It is impossible not to be thrilled by Edgar Wallace, says a rather interesting book "Jacket," commenting on "The Mind of Mr. J. G. Reeder." And those who know Edgar Wallace in all his many writings must cordially agree. The latest to come the way of the Shreds man, is about another of those unconventional detectives who are becoming quite an interesting and untiring vogue. Each author strikes a new character and exercises new inventive faculties in the pursuit of presenting the new. And none more so than the ever-green Edgar Wallace. His admirers will revel in "The Mind of Mr. J. G. Reeder" whilst those who have not "discovered" Edgar may well start with this book. The Shreds man is a gem of interest and has its own particular thrill. The book is only 3/6. "The Mind of Mr. J. G. Reeder," Edgar Wallace. Hodder and Stoughton.

Naive worldly wisdom abounds in a book called the "Novella." There is the story of the Saracen cook who saw a penniless wretch come into his kitchen and hold his loaf over the pot, letting the savoury steam soak into it before he ate it. He was annoyed, and demanded to be paid. The poor man refused, saying that he had taken nothing but the steam. But the cook persisted in his claim. The dispute went so far that it came to the ears of the Sultan, who was so struck by the novelty of the argument that he assembled his wisemen and asked their opinion. There were those who held that the steam did not belong to the cook, for which they adduced many good reasons. Steam cannot be appropriated, for it dissolves in the air, and has no useful substance or property. Therefore the poor man ought not to pay. Others argued that the steam was still part of the viand cooking, in fact that it belonged to it and

emanated from its property, that a man sells the products of his trade, and that it is the custom for him who takes thereof to pay. Many were the opinions given, and finally came the judgment: since this man sells his foodstuffs and you and others buy them, you must pay his viands according to their value. If for the food he sells and of which he gives the useful properties he is accustomed to take useful money, then since he has sold steam which is the vaporous part of his cooking, you, sir, must ring a piece of money, and it shall be understood that payment is satisfied by the sound that comes therefrom. And the Sultan ordered that this judgment be observed.

The report of the schoolboy's letter for money, which read: "S.O.S. L.S.D. R.S.V.P." recalls what is undoubtedly the shortest letter on record. It was written by Victor Hugo, who was always impatient and impetuous. On the very evening of the day on which one of his new works was published, he could not resist the temptation to inquire how the sales were going. So he wrote to his publisher as follows: "Victor Hugo." The publisher was equal to the occasion, for his reply was: "H!"

The Ford car Harry Lauder and Harry Lauder are one in this respect—that it seems permissible to joke about either, and that Mr. Henry Ford and Lauder do not seem to mind. Joking about the two must be getting rather a severe test in originality. The latest on Lauder to come to the Shreds man attention is the following dialogue from one of London's latest plays: "Who do you think has sent us a wedding present?" asks some one. "Steve Donoghue?" "No." "Rudolf Valentino?" "No." "The King's Proctor?" "No." "Harry Lauder?"

A LUCKY CINDER IN THE EYE.

Fifteen years ago a tiny cinder flew into the eye of a man on a train, writes Arthur Williams, vice-president of the New York Edison Company, in a recent press bulletin (New York). He happened to be an executive, an engineer and an inventor. What happened to the cinder in this man's eye has happened to cinder in millions of other cases—it was washed out by the natural watering of the eye. Immediately, the thought occurred: "If nature uses a stream of tear-drops to wash a cinder out of an eye, why not use a stream of water to wash the cinders out of the blue gases of power plants?" This little incident and the expenditure of several million dollars led, we are told, to the development of a device—reputable for its simplicity as well as for its efficiency—which washes every bit of cinder and dust out of gases arising from the great fires under the Edison boilers in Manhattan. We read: "To grasp the full significance of this, one must know that it takes from 4,000 to 6,000 tons of coal a day to generate the electrical energy needed for light, heat, and power in Manhattan and the Bronx. Before the perfection of this device as much as two per cent. of the coal burned in the generating plants escaped as cinders and dust from the smokestacks. This means that in New York City a full hundred tons of cinders and dust would be sent up into the air each day were it not for the gas-washing and cinder-catching device inspired by the tiny cinder that flew into that eye. Let me describe the device briefly. "Block of each row of boilers in each of the Edison generating stations is a long horizontal tank half-filled with water. Along the full length of this tank, extending from the top to within a few inches of the water-level, is a sheet of steel called a baffle plate. As the gases and cinders leave the furnaces they are forced by strong draft into this tank. The cinders and any other solids carried by the gases hit the baffle plate and fall into the water at the bottom of the tank; at the same time the gases, which enter the tank horizontally, are deflected downward by the baffle plate, are forced to pass along the surface of the water at the bottom of the tank, and then upward into the smokestacks. Once every twenty minutes, the water in the tank is changed. The water in the boiler room is changed every fifteen minutes. The boiler room is a large hall, the floor of which is a concrete slab, and within a minute or two the mixture of air and coal has been

WAR DEBTS.

BRITAIN DOES SOME COLLECTING.

DISCUSSION WITH FRANCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, November 17.—Speaking in the House of Commons, Mr. Winston Churchill said he had received a letter from M. Cartaux during the recess intimating the acceptance of the principle of the arrangement in the discharge of the French debt of annuities of 12½ millions over 62 years subject to a settlement of outstanding important points.

Discussion would shortly be resumed.

The British Government had been invited to send representatives to Britain to negotiate the funding of their war debt.

Discussions would start very shortly.

Mr. Churchill announced that a settlement had been reached with Roumania and hoped agreement would be reached regarding the war debts of Portugal, Greece, and Yugoslavia in the next few months.

U.S. AND ITALY.

New York, November 17.—Conferences are being held between American bankers and the Italian debt commission to prepare the way for the flotation of a \$50,000,000 loan to Italy in the course of the next week or two.

Morgan's, who have already advanced another \$50,000,000 to absorb the exchange stabilization credit at present outstanding head the underwriting syndicate.

FRANCE'S PROBLEM.

MOMENTOUS FINANCIAL DEBATE.

SOCIALISTS' DECISION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, November 17.

The Socialist Party's decision not to contest the Government's financial proposals is important in view of the opening in the Chamber of Deputies to-day of a momentous financial debate which is expected to last at least a month and in which herculean efforts will be required to obtain even a narrow majority for the Government's proposals in both houses.

The Government's difficulties are increased by the fact that this most controversial proposal must be voted by December 8 when 2½ milliards of Treasury Bonds fall due for repayment.

Having no funds to redeem the Bonds and in order to avoid resorting to inflation the Government proposes to suspend payment and give holders other Bonds in exchange.

ONE LAW.

LABOUR AND FASCIST BODIES.

ALLEGATIONS REFUTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Nov. 17.

Labour allegations that the Government is discriminating against Communists and favouring Fascists was vented in the House of Commons.

Mr. J. H. Thomas asked for an explanation of the action of the Director of Prosecutions in the case of four National Fascists who were recently bound over for forcibly taking possession of a Labour newspaper "van."

Mr. Thomas declared the action would destroy public confidence in the impartial administration of justice.

Sir J. Hogg, in reply, said the Director of Public Prosecutions was of the opinion that the evidence was not sufficient to support a charge of larceny.

Sir Douglas was satisfied that that view was right.

No political pressure of any kind had been put on the Public Prosecutor, as was the case of the prosecution of Mr. Campbell of the "Workers Weekly" a year ago when the then Attorney-General, on behalf of the Cabinet, instructed the Public Prosecutor.

London, November 17.—The Foreign Office denies that an official slight was put upon M. Rakovsky inasmuch as he held the status of a "Chargé d'Affaires" and not that of an Ambassador, and that the Government does not intend to withdraw its recognition of the former.

THE NEW ERA.

GERMANY ACCEPTING LOCARNO.

CABINET'S DECISION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, Nov. 17.

The Cabinet this morning authorised Herr Stresemann to draft Bills to give effect to the Locarno treaties.

The Bills will be submitted for the approval of the Federal Premiers on Thursday, and subsequently will be submitted to the Reichstag.

Berlin, Nov. 17.

The Cabinet's decision regarding the Locarno treaties, cabled earlier, indicates that the Government and President approve of the Locarno agreement and intend to sign it on December 1, which the Federal Premiers and the Reichstag will certainly sanction.

The Government is convinced that Locarno signifies the beginning of a new political era in Europe.

On the contrary, the newspapers do not enthuse over the "alleviations" in the Rhineland.

Nationalist journals point out that the Allied Notes do not mention the régime in the Sarre region, revision of the Rhineland agreement, or restrictions in German civil aviation.

BRITISH LABOUR'S VIEWS.

London, Nov. 17.

The Labour Party has decided to move an amendment to Mr. Austen Chamberlain's simple motion in favour of ratifying the Locarno treaty at to-morrow's debate in the House of Commons.

The amendment sets forth that while agreeing to the ratification, and expressing satisfaction at the impending entry of Germany into the League of Nations and the improvement of international relations evinced at Locarno, the House holds the opinion that the real test of the Treaty depends on whether it is followed by disarmament and regrets it does not contain definite provision on that subject.

The House will further be invited to express the view that the Treaty should be followed by positive steps to secure the adhesion of Russia to the League, and its participation in European agreements.

SYRIAN PEACE.

OVERTURES BY FRENCH AUTHORITIES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Cairo, November 17.

The Syrian newspaper "Al-Fikr" learns that peace negotiations have been opened by the French authorities with the Jebel Druse Sultan El Atrash.

AMERICA'S SHIPPING.

NO SUBSIDY NEXT YEAR.

(Reuter's Service.)

New York, November 17.

It is understood President Coolidge does not intend to recommend a shipping subsidy in his annual message to Congress which he proposes to transmit in writing.

FRANCE'S FINANCES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, November 17.

The Socialist Party by 36 votes to 12 has decided not to contest the Government's financial proposals at to-day's meeting of the Chamber.

Hallifax, N.S., November 17.—Nine of the crew of the American coastguard vessel "Morill" were drowned near Shelburne owing to a small boat capsizing in a heavy squall.—Reuter's American Service.

London, November 17.—Heavy buying from New York, speculative buying here and the reduction of the rubber stocks in London to 4,500 tons are responsible for the rise of spot rubber in Mincing Lane yesterday to 54 pence a pound and an advance of three pence a pound on all forward quotations. Much of the business was done for deliveries of rubber as far ahead as 1938. Mr. Gompertz said that the market was made for equal monthly deliveries in 1928 on a basis of those who had met 6½ million tons of rubber in 1927.

STAFF TRIBUTE.

SUPREME COURT AND MR. GOMPERTZ.

YESTERDAY'S PRESENTATION.

Yesterday afternoon the staff of the Supreme Court assembled in the Puisne Judge's Chamber, and presented Mr. Justice Gompertz with a silver salver which was inscribed as follows:

Presented to His Honour Mr. Justice Henry Gompertz, on the occasion of his appointment as Chief Justice of the Federal Malay States, by the staff of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong, as a token of the great respect and high esteem in which he is held by them.

Mr. A. W. Hill, in making the presentation to Mr. Justice Gompertz, said that he and the staff of the Supreme Court desired to congratulate him on the honour which he had attained. They wished him Godspeed and a most happy time but they would not say farewell. He personally hoped to meet him again in Hong Kong, or at least at Home. Continuing, Mr. Hill said that they all thanked him for the kindness extended to them during the time they had worked under him. No matter what came before him or what difficulties they were in, he cordially received and helped them. They thanked him very much for the gentlemanly way he had treated them. Concluding, Mr. Hill said that they all hoped that greater honours would be bestowed upon him.—(Cheers.)

Mr. Hill then handed Mr. Justice Gompertz the silver salver, together with a list of the subscribers.

Mr. M. Akbar said he associated himself with all that Mr. Hill had said, but having been His Lordship's clerk for eight years he would take that opportunity to tender his personal appreciation and gratefulness for all the kindness which had been shown him. Continuing, Mr. Akbar said that at first he had little knowledge of the work required; it needed a good knowledge of English and a good memory. His Lordship had helped him and made it possible for him to accomplish his difficult task. Mr. Gompertz had shown patience and forbearance and a kind heart full of forgiveness. Those constituted his character. Concluding, Mr. Akbar said he was sorry Mr. Justice Gompertz was leaving the Colony but was glad of his promotion. His good wishes would go with him and his memory would be kept in the warmest corner of his heart. He wished His Lordship and Mrs. Gompertz great happiness, health and prosperity in their new sphere.—(Cheers.)

CORDIAL CO-OPERATION.

Mr. Justice Gompertz, replying, said that he thanked the staff of the Supreme Court from the bottom of his heart for their great kindness. They had worked together for many years, and they had given him their most cordial co-operation. They were a cosmopolitan body, and they were an excellent staff. He had been with them from 17 to 18 years, and they had done splendid work. He was glad to see Mr. Siffard and Mr. Silva, two past members of the staff present. Continuing, he said that he hoped that he was not bidding them good-bye, as he hoped to meet them again. On his way home he might go via Hong Kong, or he might meet some of them in England, and some might visit the Malay States. He would be glad to meet any of them without or with notice. He would, however, like them to give him notice, because his work would probably take him on circuit. Concluding, he said he would thank them for Mrs. Gompertz as well. She had hoped to be present, but she was visiting her son, who was in hospital, and it was the last day on which she would be with him for some time.

Mr. Siffard said that he was sure he was voicing the sentiments of all present, when he said that he hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Gompertz's son would have a speedy recovery.

A group photograph of Mr. Justice Gompertz and the staff was taken.

CHINESE PORTION.

A list was given by a number of Chinese merchants yesterday to Mr. Gompertz at which sixty persons were present, including twelve guests, among them Sir Henry Gollan, Sir Henry Pollock and others. The Hon. Mr. Chow yesterday to 54 pence a pound and an advance of three pence a pound on all forward quotations. Much of the business was done for deliveries of rubber as far ahead as 1938. Mr. Gompertz said that the market was made for equal monthly deliveries in 1928 on a basis of those who had met 6½ million tons of rubber in 1927.

KOWLOON ITEMS.

ACTIVITIES OF THE K. R. A.

NOISES AND RICHAS.

Included in the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association were the following matters:

A letter was read from Mr. L. Jack tendering his resignation as Hon. Treasurer and as member of Committee, and the offer of Mr. J. M. Alves to take the accounts from Mr. Jack and to act as Hon. Treasurer until the end of the year was accepted by the Committee with many thanks.

A letter was read from the Colonial Secretary directing the attention of the Association to noises in Kowloon of which he had complaints and asking the Association to formulate recommendations in the matter for consideration of the Government.

After some discussion the Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to the Colonial Secretary asking him kindly to advise the Committee of the nature of the noises complained of, so that the committee might, as requested by the Colonial Secretary recommend a line of action.

Kowloon Richas.

The Hon. Secretary was further instructed to draw the attention of the Colonial Secretary to the present obsolete type of Kowloon richas of which the committee had had complaint and an improvement in which would reduce street noise.

Kowloon Dispensary.

A letter from Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., was read acknowledging the Hon. Secretary's letter to them of the 15th October and pointing out that arrangements already existed whereby urgent requests for medicines were promptly attended to by this Dispensary at any time. In the opinion of the Committee, and on support of Dr. Macgown, it was decided to accept Messrs. Watson's present procedure as quite satisfactory, and the Hon. Secretary was instructed to thank Messrs. Watson for their letter, and at the same time ask this firm kindly to post in the window of their Kowloon Dispensary a notice to the foregoing effect:

Dairy Farm's Gratitude.

A letter was read from the Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co., conveying an expression of gratitude from its Directors for the help rendered the Dairy Farm Co. by the Kowloon Residents' Association during the strike period, in respect of volunteer assistance for the Kowloon Branch of the Dairy Farm Co.

After a brief review from the Chair, the Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to the Dairy Farm Co. thanking them for their kind appreciation of the work of the Association in this connection.

Cycle Riding by Youth.

In reply to the Association's letter of 14th October a letter was read from the Captain Superintendent of Police, stating that he was making representations to the Magistrate to increase the penalty for reckless cycle riding by youths in Kowloon as the usual fine of \$5 did not appear a sufficient deterrent. The committee accorded its approval of this action by the Captain Superintendent, for which the Hon. Secretary was instructed to thank him.

Numbering of Houses.

A notice, dated 12th October, in reply to the Association's letter of 14th October was received from the Colonial Secretary's Office, stating that the matter of numbering houses in Nathan Road was receiving consideration.

Cox Road.

A notice, dated October 20, in reply to the Association's letter of 15th October, was received from the Colonial Secretary's Office, stating that the matter of Cox Road was receiving consideration.

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Crackers and Richas. A letter was read from a correspondent suggesting certain areas in which the firing of crackers should be disallowed.

After a short discussion it was agreed it would not be advisable to deal with this matter at the present time.

The letter also called attention to the inferior type of richa now being used for hire and suggested several improvements which would be appreciated.

After a lengthy discussion on the merits and noise of these vehicles, a sub-committee was appointed to investigate the present type of richa and make such recommendations as are deemed advisable in the circumstances; also that reference to the noises of richas be embodied in the Hon. Secretary's reply to the letter of the Colonial Secretary on noises in Kowloon and asking the assistance of the Association in this matter.

Resignation of Mr. Hyde.

Mr. Hyde said he was on the 18th inst. going Home on leave, and must therefore tender his resignation; a hearty vote of thanks was, on the proposal of the Chairman, accorded Mr. Hyde for his valued services while on the Committee.

SUBMARINES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, November 17.

Commenting on the campaign of the British newspapers for the abolition of submarines "L'Œuvre" contends that armaments of all kinds should be reduced simultaneously. If submarines alone are to be abolished and the figures of the Washington Convention in regard to capital ships to remain unchanged, France would be terribly weakened, while the superiority of Britain and America would increase considerably.

New York, November 17.

Commenting on the suggestion to abolish the submarine, the "New York World" says that if the British are in earnest, they must prepare to surrender their power of blockade running. The "Herald Tribune" says that naval warfare development is now in the uncertain stage, to permit weak nations, or any nation situated as is the United States, to discard submarines, which some experts think will become more and more important type of fighting ship in all navies.

Washington, November 17.—The Navy Department expects to ask Congress for appropriations to continue the authorized construction programme of three thousand ton submarines of the V type, two of which have already been launched and two are constructing. Three are authorized.

London, November 17.—The death is announced of Brigadier-General Robert "Marr" Johnson, who served with the Shanghai Volunteer Corps in 1920.—Reuter.—Brigadier R. M. Johnson, C.M.G., D.S.O., was born November 4, 1873. He served in China during the Boxer Rebellion in 1900 and in the Great War from beginning to end, retiring from active service in 1923. He was member of the Royal St. George's Golf Club.

No immorality in a free country has ever yet coerced the whole community.—The Prince of Wales.

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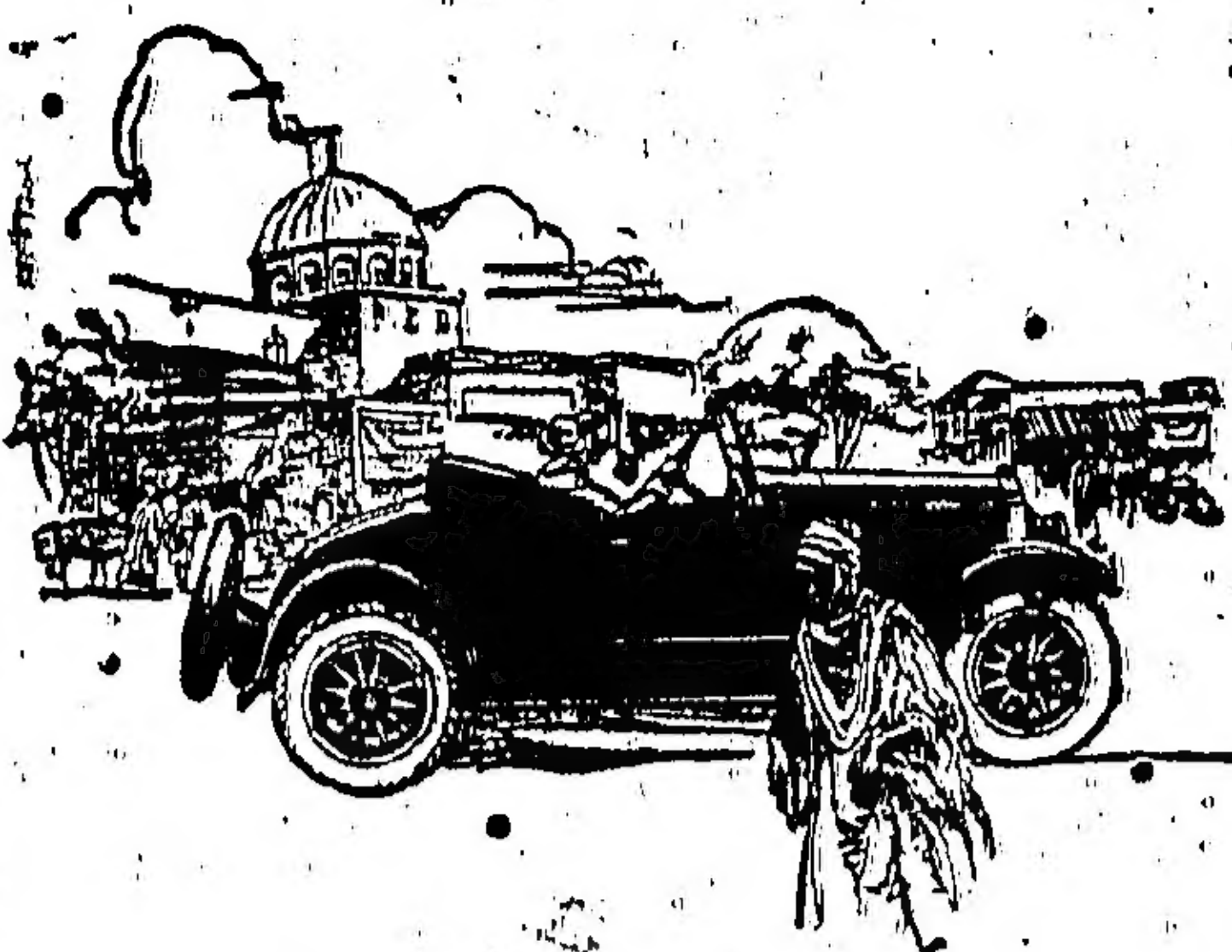
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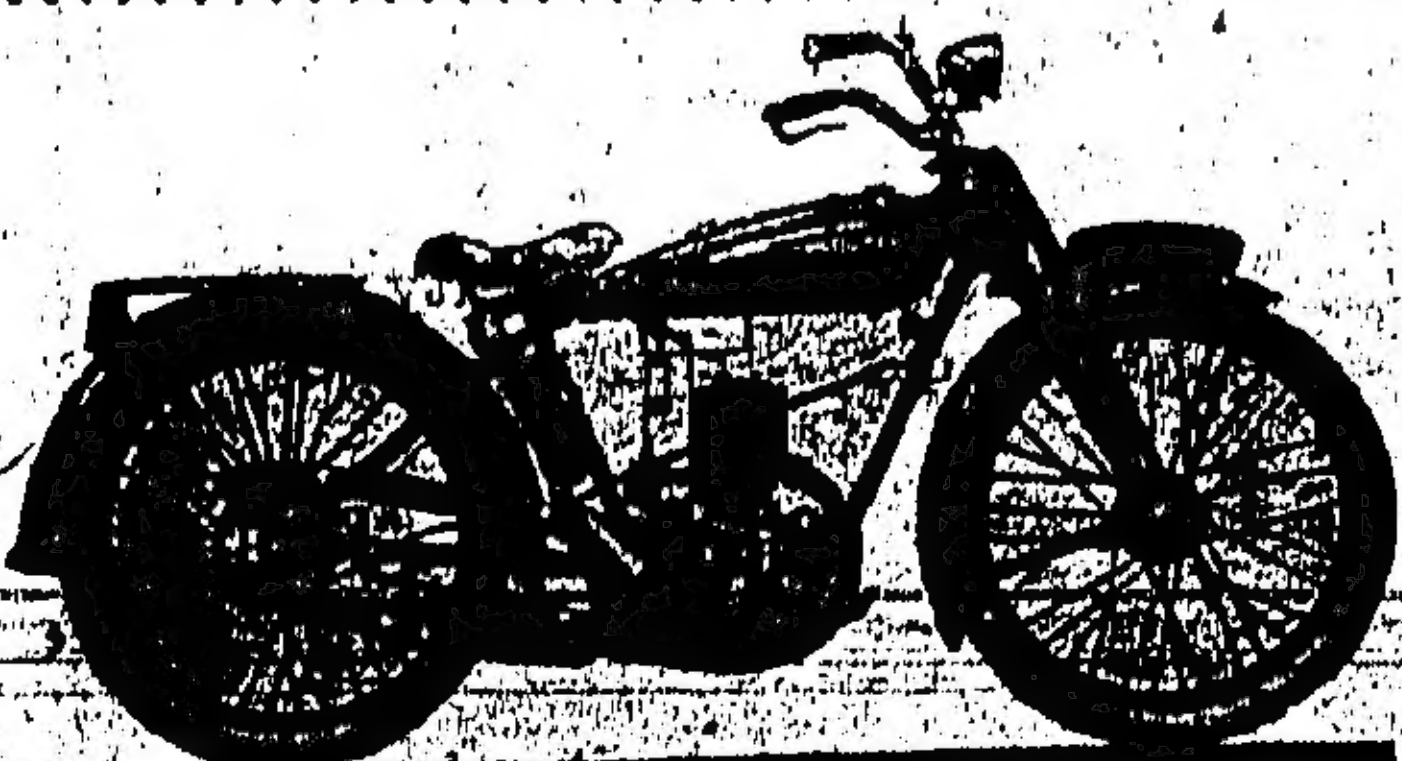
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Harmston's circus is showing in Singapore. It will probably come to Hongkong.

Murray Path will be closed from this morning until the completion of repairs there. It will probably remain closed for about a fortnight.

The Manila Carnival is to be held from January 30 to February 14, 1926. The Committee has issued an illustrated booklet which gives full particulars.

Recently the Colombo wireless authorities have been endeavouring to provide radio entertainments almost every night owing to their growing popularity.

A deer, dashing out of Epping Forest, was knocked down by a car driven by Dr. J. H. Nichol, of Chingford, Essex. It scrambled to its feet again and, minus an antler, darted back into the forest, apparently unhurt. The car, however, was badly damaged. Dr. Nichol had his nose broken and a shoulder and thigh injured. His three passengers were also hurt.

While searching the cottage of a man named William Pritchard, who died suddenly at Old Windsor, in his ninetyeth year, the police found 3326 in sovereigns and 2384 in Treasury notes hidden in tin boxes and cigar cases in various parts of the house. Pritchard had for many years lived alone in the cottage, doing all his own work and cooking his meals.

The return of notifiable diseases for last week in Hongkong shows three cases of diphtheria (two fatal), and two fatal cases of enteric fever. One of the diphtheria cases was a Japanese. All the others were Chinese. One of the enteric cases was an imported case. A fatal (imported) case of rabies was also recorded, the victim being a Chinese. The daily return for Monday, issued yesterday, contained only one new Chinese case of enteric.

"A Perfect Day" prompts a reader to ask whether a wee Highland laddie's idea of a perfect day—"A shookey-shoo on the yer" at day, and cream-tae ma parritch in the morning"—is not an excellent one.

*Anglice: A swing on the gate.

Messrs. Harland and Wolff have just launched from their Govan shipyard two strongly built steel lighters for Elder, Dempster, and Co., having a deadweight carrying capacity of 80 tons. These lighters will be used in loading the owners' vessels on the West Coast of Africa, for which purpose they are specially designed.

The radio interest has grown to such an extent in Japan that some of the middle school authorities in Tokyo have issued orders that students shall not "listen in" during certain hours of the evening, but shall devote those hours to their studies. The school heads found upon investigation that the youngsters were neglecting their school work in the evening to listen to the radio.

A zoologist is said to have proved that the dividends of a firm in the fur trade are affected by sunspots. The argument is that the abundance—or otherwise—of fur animals decides the trade's prosperity; that the supply of animals depends on the food available, which in turn depends on cycles of warmer or colder weather; while "there is evidence that those cycles are affected by the cyclic movements of spots on the sun." Weather is the chief influence affecting harvests, of course; but it is not the only influence. The above "chain" reminds one of Darwin's demonstration that the success of a clover crop in a certain district might depend on the number of cats there! Clover flowers are fertilised by bumble-bees, whose arch-enemy is the field mouse. If the mice are not kept down by cats—or otherwise—wholesale destruction of bees follows, with disastrous results to the clover!

The proceedings of the Diet, which heretofore have been something of a mystery to the general Japanese public, will be given the people by radio, if the plans of a Tokyo broadcasting company receive approval.

More and more nearly, as one grows older, the teachings of Christ, stripped of the dogmas that others have put upon them, apply with amazing wisdom and knowledge to modern conditions, says the author, Mr. Hugh Walpole.

What is said to be the nearest approach to a blue carnation ever grown has been on exhibition at the autumn show of the Royal Horticultural Society. When viewed from certain angles the flower has a distinctly bluish tinge.

The direct annual cost of sickness and death attributable to malaria is between \$50,000,000 and \$80,000,000, according to Dr. Balfour, Director of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, who in a speech at the Guild House, Eccleston Square, pointed out that malaria was constantly warring against the Empire, picking off officers attached to the mercantile marine and crippling trade. He added that the world's annual death toll from malaria was 2,000,000.

It seems that few telephone subscribers in England are aware of a service which the telephone exchanges are prepared to supply. For the sum of threepence daily subscribers may arrange to be called at any hour of the day or night they desire, the Post Office (which has jurisdiction over the telephone service), acting as a sort of governmental alarm clock. At the hour named the bell will be set ringing and will continue until someone answers. Other services which the telephone exchanges are prepared to render are the giving of the exact Greenwich time or the daily weather forecast, both of which cost one penny.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Major W. V. Pratt, R.A.M.C., proceeded to North China as Medical Officer on the transport "Derbyshire."

A dance arranged by the ship's company of H.M.S. "Hawkins" is to be held to-morrow evening in the Seamen's Institute.

Mr. J. Behar, Mr. and Mrs. W. Heugan, Mr. D. Kennedy and Mr. H. Lutzer are passengers in the "President Grant" which left yesterday.

Command Orders state that Miss M. M. Smaridge, an Army schoolmistress, has arrived from the United Kingdom and has been placed on the strength of the Command.

Passengers per s.s. "Sarpedon," sailing to-day, include His Hon. Mr. Justice Gompertz and Mrs. Gompertz, Mr. and Mrs. Miss Hyde of Kowloon, Engineer Commander G. W. Lambert, R.N., and Mrs. A. N. Lucey.

Major and Bt.-Lt.-Col. H. B. L. G. Gunn, D.S.O., M.C., Capt. J. W. and Mrs. Carlew, Lieut. and Mrs. E. J. Quinn, Lieut. C. E. Feneley and Lieut. G. B. Carmichael were among those arriving in the Colony by the H.T. "Derbyshire" recently and have been taken on the strength of the 12th Heavy Battery, R.A.

An attractive programme, containing some excellent numbers has been arranged for the first musicale at the Helena May Institute to-morrow at 5.30 p.m. Those who will contribute to the entertainment are Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith, Mrs. N. Matheson and Messrs. H. Gardner, and N. Hopkins (songs) and Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith at the piano. Fifty cents will be charged as admission to the musicale.

Captain J. H. Abbey, of the "Palermo," received a gold watch and gold fountain pen at Surabaya from the passengers who had travelled up on his ship from Sydney and other Australian ports. In making the presentation on behalf of 21 adult passengers, Mr. Alexander Hunter expressed warm appreciation of the consideration and kindness extended to all on board by Capt. Abbey during the run. Capt. Abbey briefly returned thanks for the kindness shown to him and his ship.

Major R. S. S. Paton, 1st Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment, has been granted sick leave from last Thursday until December 1.

The Right Honorable Sir Matthew Nathan, G.C.M.G. and P.C., ex-governor of Queensland, Australia, dined with Governor and Mrs. Leonard Wood at Malacang during the 12-hour stop, which the s.s. "Tanda" made.

At the Manila Club British ex-service men of Manila foregathered with their friends at a most enjoyable dinner-party to commemorate the seventh anniversary of the Armistice. H.B.M. Consul-General Thomas Harrington, who presided, made remarks fitting to the occasion, after the presidential and royal toasts had been honoured.

The first Office-bearers of the Caledonian Society of British North Borneo elected by ballot, are—

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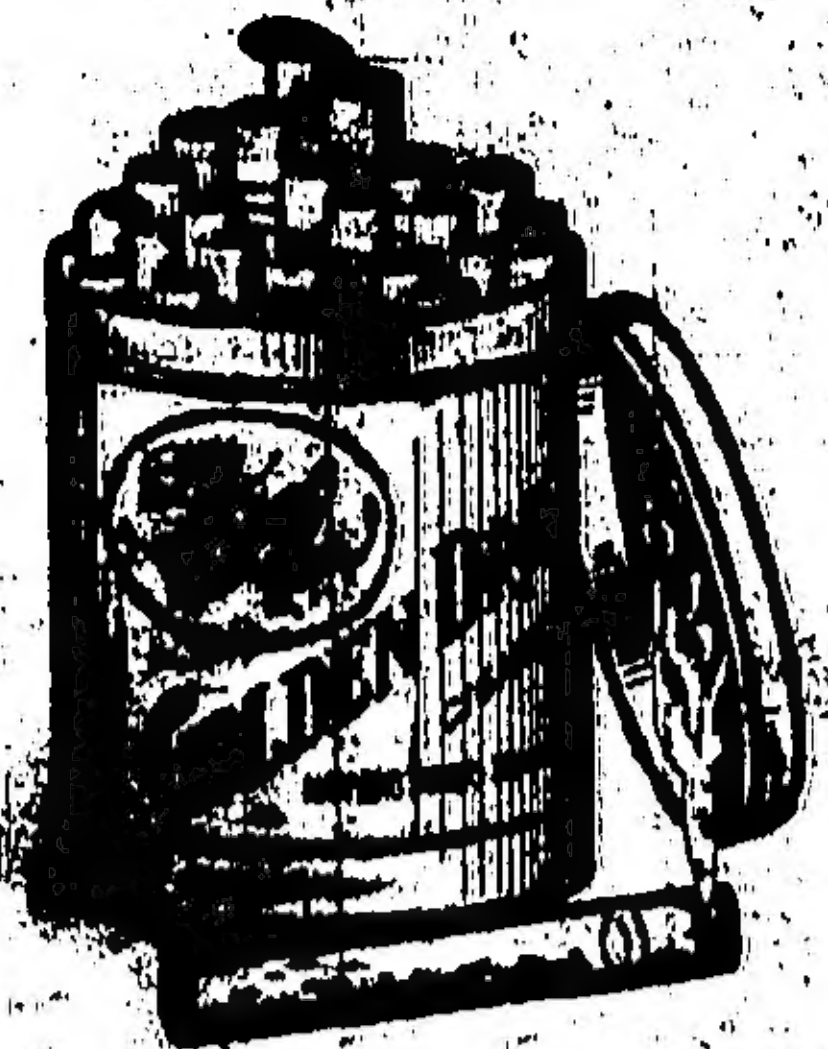
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Dorothy Gould Bishop, daughter of the late George J. Gould, has the smart set mystified. She has sailed secretly for France, and gossip says she will seek a divorce. Her husband has gone to the Maine woods.



Clara Zetkin, 69, "grandma of the German Reds," has undergone a rejuvenation operation by Dr. Serge Voronoff, the gland expert. The operation was a success. Frau Zetkin is a member of the Reichstag.



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A womanly woman is more effective in business than a mannish woman, says Miss Emma Redel. Dame Nellie Melba, after forty years of singing, has announced her retirement. Prof. Winifred Cullis, of the University of London, decorated as Commander of the British Empire, ranks as the most accomplished woman in Great Britain. Agnes Eron, one of the first nurses at the Bayona disaster, has returned to Near East relief work.

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